

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

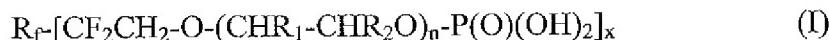
**Listing of the Claims:**

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16. (New) A cosmetic and/or dermatological composition for topical use comprising, as active substances, polyphenols in association with a suitable carrier, wherein said composition contains, as stabilizing agent, an effective amount of at least one perfluoropolyether phosphate.

17. (New) A cosmetic and/or dermatological composition according to claim 16, wherein said stabilizing agent is a perfluoropolyether diphosphate according to formula

(I)



wherein

x = 1 or 2;

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently selected between H and CH<sub>3</sub>;

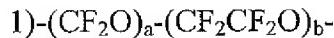
n is an integer between 1 and 50, preferably 1-6;

R<sub>f</sub> is a perfluoropolyether chain with a number average molecular weight between 400 and 1800, preferably 500-1300, comprising repeating units selected from the following:

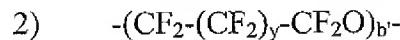
- a) -(C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>6</sub>O)-
- b) -(CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>O)-
- c) -(CFL<sub>0</sub>O)-, wherein L<sub>0</sub> = -F, -CF<sub>3</sub>;
- d) -CF<sub>2</sub>(CF<sub>2</sub>)<sub>y</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>O-, wherein y = 1 or 2;
- e) -CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>O-,

and wherein, when  $x = 1$ , an end group is a perfluoroalkyl selected from  $\text{CF}_3\text{O}$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_5\text{O}$ ,  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_7\text{O}$ .

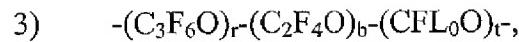
18. (New) A composition according to claim 17, wherein  $R_f$  has one of the following structures:



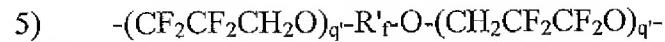
wherein  $b/a$  lies between 0.3 and 10 and  $a$  is an integer different from



wherein  $y = 1$  or 2;



wherein  $r/b = 0.5-2.0$ ,  $(r+b)/t = 10-30$ ,  $b$  and  $t$  are integers different from 0;



wherein  $\text{R}'$  is a fluoroalkylene group with 1-4 carbon atoms;

$L_0$  is chosen between F and  $\text{CF}_3$ ;



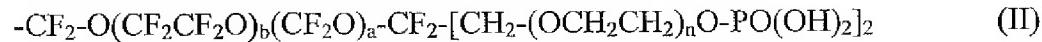
wherein in the above formulas:

$-(\text{C}_3\text{F}_6\text{O})$ - represents units of formula:

$-(\text{CF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{CF}_2\text{O})$ - and/or  $-(\text{CF}_2-\text{CF}(\text{CF}_3)\text{O})$ -

$a$ ,  $b$ ,  $b'$ ,  $q'$ ,  $r$ ,  $t$  are integers, whose sum is such that  $R_f$  has values of number average molecular weight  $M_n$  lying between about 400 and about 1800, preferably between 500 and 1300.

19. (New) A composition according to claim 18, wherein the perfluoropolyether phosphates are perfluoropolyether diphosphates of formula (II):

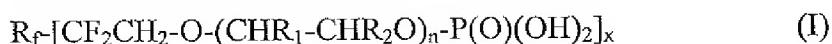


wherein  $n = 1$  or 2,  $b/a = 0.5-3.0$  and  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $r$  have the meanings reported in claim 18.

20. (New) A composition according to claim 16, wherein said at least one perfluoropolyether diphosphate is contained in an amount included between 0.1 and 5.0% by weight of total composition weight.

21. (New) A composition according to claim 20, wherein said at least one perfluoropolyether diphosphate is contained in an amount included between 0.2 and 1.0% by weight of total composition weight.
22. (New) A composition according to claim 19, wherein said at least one perfluoropolyether diphosphate is contained in an amount included between 0.1 and 5.0% by weight of total composition weight.
23. (New) A composition according to claim 20, wherein the polyphenol content is included between 0.1% and 5% by weight of total composition weight.
24. (New) A composition according to claim 22, wherein the polyphenol content is included between 0.1% and 5% by weight of total composition weight.
25. (New) A composition according to claim 16, further including vitamin E.
26. (New) A composition according to claim 22, further including vitamin E.
27. (New) A composition according to claim 24, further including vitamin E.
28. (New) A composition according to claim 25, wherein said vitamin E is contained in an amount between 0.5 and 10% by weight of total composition weight.
29. (New) A composition according to claim 26, wherein said vitamin E is contained in an amount between 0.5 and 10% by weight of total composition weight.
30. (New) A composition according to claim 27, wherein said vitamin E is contained in an amount between 0.5 and 10% by weight of total composition weight.
31. (New) A composition according to claim 16, further including ascorbic acid.

32. (New) A composition according to claim 25, further including ascorbic acid.
33. (New) A composition according to claim 31, wherein the ascorbic acid is contained in an amount between 0.1 and 10% by weight of total composition weight.
34. (New) A composition according to claim 32, wherein the ascorbic acid is contained in an amount between 0.1 and 10% by weight of total composition weight.
35. (New) A composition according to claim 16, further including at least one compound selected from the group consisting of vitamin A, carotenes, carotenoids, lutein, lycopene and xanthophylls.
36. (New) A composition according to claim 25, further including at least one compound selected from the group consisting of vitamin A, carotenes, carotenoids, lutein, lycopene and xanthophylls.
37. (New) A composition according to claim 32, further including at least one compound selected from the group consisting of vitamin A, carotenes, carotenoids, lutein, lycopene and xanthophylls.
38. (New) A composition according to claim 16, which is in the form of a cream.
39. (New) A method of stabilizing cosmetic and/or dermatological compositions for topical use, comprising the step of adding to said compositions a perfluoropolyether diphosphate according to formula (I)



wherein

$x = 1$  or  $2$ ;

$R_1$  and  $R_2$  are independently selected between H and  $CH_3$ ;

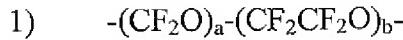
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R<sub>f</sub> is a perfluoropolyether chain with a number average molecular weight between 400 and 1800, preferably 500-1300, comprising repeating units selected from the following:

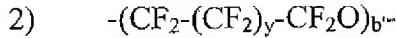
- a) -(C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>6</sub>O)-
- b) -(CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>O)-
- c) -(CFL<sub>0</sub>O)-, wherein L<sub>0</sub> = -F, -CF<sub>3</sub>;
- a) -CF<sub>2</sub>(CF<sub>2</sub>)<sub>y</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>O-, wherein y = 1 or 2;
- b) -CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>O-,

and wherein, when x = 1, an end group is a perfluoroalkyl selected from CF<sub>3</sub>O, C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>5</sub>O, C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>7</sub>O.

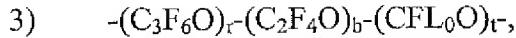
40. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein R<sub>f</sub> has one of the following structures:



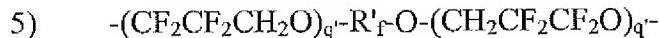
wherein b/a lies between 0.3 and 10 and a is an integer different from 0;



wherein y = 1 or 2;



wherein r/b = 0.5-2.0, (r+b)/t = 10-30, b and t are integers different from 0;



wherein R'<sub>f</sub> is a fluoroalkylene group with 1-4 carbon atoms;

L<sub>0</sub> is chosen between F and CF<sub>3</sub>;



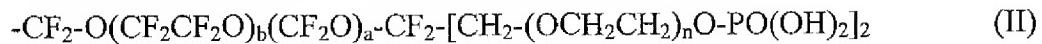
wherein in the above formulas:

-(C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>6</sub>O)- represents units of formula:

-(CF(CF<sub>3</sub>)CF<sub>2</sub>O)- and/or -(CF<sub>2</sub>-CF(CF<sub>3</sub>)O)-

a, b, b', q', r, t are integers, whose sum is such that R<sub>f</sub> has values of number average molecular weight M<sub>n</sub> lying between about 400 and about 1800, preferably between 500 and 1300.

41. (New) A method according to claim 41, wherein the perfluoropolyether phosphates are perfluoropolyether diphosphates of formula (II):



wherein n = 1 or 2, b/a = 0.5-3.0 and a, b and r have the meanings reported in claim 25.